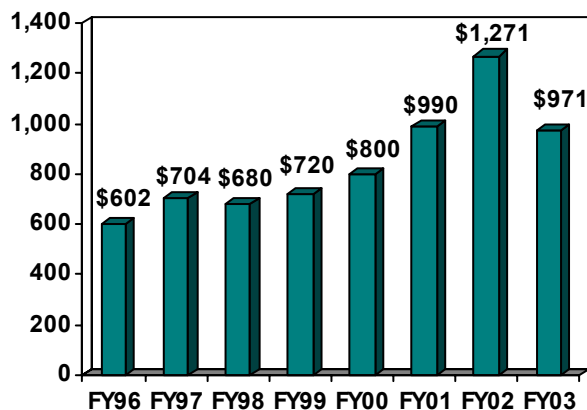


Procurement

**Total Procurement
(In Millions of Dollars)**



What is the Role of the Procurement Organization?

The Procurement Organization is responsible for the acquisition of goods and services at the Laboratory to meet programmatic needs. Some of the programs that the Laboratory is involved in include research in energy, nuclear safeguards and security, biomedical and computational science, environmental protection and remediation, and materials science. Procurement strives to provide commodities and services required by the Laboratory in a timely, efficient, cost-effective and customer-driven manner to the Laboratory and its suppliers.

Website: <http://supply.lanl.gov/procurement/default.shtml>

LANL's Procurement Policy

The Supply Chain Management Division is responsible for the acquisition of materials and services required to operate the Laboratory. This is accomplished in conformance with established policies of the University of California and the Department of Energy.

Procurement is committed to providing customer service to technical end users on a timely basis and at the best value for the Laboratory. The Laboratory is required to maximize the use of competition while seeking to establish long-term business relationships with quality suppliers.

Procurement is the only organization authorized to commit the Laboratory to a procurement contract. Commitments or changes to commitments made by other Laboratory organizations are not valid.

It is the Laboratory's policy that all small businesses have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in Laboratory subcontracts.

LANL's Procurement Methods

LANL uses a variety of procurement mechanisms to meet its acquisition needs. Generally, purchases are made by contact administrators who have the authority to purchase for the Laboratory. Acquisitions are generally competed, but can be awarded to a sole source supplier if that supplier has a unique product or service. Other procurement methods include: Just-In-Time (JIT); Commercial Acquisitions for materials and supplies; Basic Ordering Agreements (BOAs) for goods, services, maintenance, and technical support; Local Vendor Agreements (LVAs) for small purchases; and Purchase Cards for recurring small off-the-shelf items.

Note: *The Laboratory's Procurement Organization is being reorganized. Specific information on how the Laboratory procures its products and services, along with information about the buyers, will be made available in the future.*

LANL's Acquisition Needs

- Commercial Products and Services
- Construction and Architect/Engineering
- Research and Development
- Professional & Technical Services
- Environmental Restoration
- Manufacturing